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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know from which communities the hon. Minister selects candidates for nomination? Is it from communities who are interested in the continuance of the Ministry?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir."

Mr. S. ARPUDASWAMI UDAYAR :—" May I know whether the hon. Minister has any idea of nominating more Indian Christian members on the board?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The question will be considered."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know the actual number of Indian Christian members on the board and why the number has been reduced to one?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice, Sir."

Action taken on the recommendations of the Roads Committee.

* 232 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether recommendations of the Roads Committee appointed by the Government of India have been communicated to the Local Government;

(*b*) whether any of the hon. Ministers were invited to a conference by the Government of India to consider those recommendations;

(*c*) what relationship or mutual co-operation between the Government of India and the Local Government has been or is to be established as to the carrying out of the recommendations;

(*d*) to what extent it is decided to relieve local bodies of their burdens as to the maintenance of roads or to aid them further for that purpose; and

(*e*) whether it is decided to abolish toll-gates for recovering tolls to any extent and if so, how far?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government of India stated that a conference was likely to be convened but so far no invitation has been received.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) These points are under consideration.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know, with reference to the answers given to clauses (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*), when the Government expect to pass orders on these points?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I cannot say that, Sir."

Repairs to the Buntwal-Kadur road.

* 233 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state with reference to his answer to question No. 43, dated 3rd September 1928—

(*a*) whether any provision has been made for overhauling the Charmadi ghat section of the Buntwal-Kadur road and if not, why; and

(*b*) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take to make that section fit for easy and smooth traffic?

A.—In August 1928, the President, District Board, South Kanara, applied for a grant of Rs. 15,000 in 1929–30 for special repairs to the Charmadi Ghat road (now known as the Mangalore-Mysore road). No provision could be made in the budget for the works

for want of duly sanctioned estimates. The president has since renewed his application and the question of giving a grant in the current year is under consideration.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I enquire whether the sanction of Rs. 15,000 for which application was made in 1928 is still under consideration ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That application did not come in time. It is being considered in connexion with the budget."

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Will it be taken up by the Public Works Department ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Not as at present advised."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Provincialization of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

*234 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether Government have considered the question of meeting from Provincial funds the entire expenses of the administration of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ;

(b) whether they propose to strengthen the staff of the Board ; and

(c) when the Amending Bill forwarded by the Board will be introduced into the Council ?

A.—(a) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(b) Yes, for collection work.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to my answer to Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar's question No. 67.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the answer given to clause (a) of this question refers to the appointments made by the Government already or does it relate to future appointments only ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" The whole question with regard to the functions of the Board and the question of provincializing the administration is still under consideration."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether the Council will be consulted before Government pass their orders ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Yes, Sir."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know what is the proposed strength of the staff, what are the financial commitments, and how the Government propose to meet those financial commitments in view of the crippled financial state of the Board ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Notice Sir."

Mr. A. RANAGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know what staff is proposed to be strengthened ? Is it the addition of four Commissioners or the addition of Inspectors ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is proposed to strengthen the district staff."